



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

December 17, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: Public Water Systems
Private Drinking Water Sample Submitters
MSDH District Health Officers
MSDH District Administrators
MSDH District Environmentalists
MSDH Health Department Clinics

From: Daphne D. Ware, PhD
Public Health Laboratory Director

Subject: **Routine Drinking Water Microbiology and Fluoride samples will no longer be accepted on Fridays or Saturdays**

Effective January 1, 2016, the MS Public Health Laboratory (MPHL) will receive routine drinking water microbiology and fluoride samples Monday through Thursday only. These samples will no longer be received by the MPHL on Fridays or Saturdays and will be rejected upon receipt.

Routine drinking water microbiology and fluoride samples may be delivered directly to the MPHL by 4:00 pm Monday-Thursday. Routine samples may be dropped off at a MSDH health department Monday -Wednesday for delivery to the MPHL. Please contact your local health department for Monday – Wednesday hours of operation.

The laboratory will continue to receive samples on Friday and Saturday at the request of the Bureau of Public Water Supply for systems under state imposed boil water notice or for special circumstances including self imposed boil water notice, required resamples, triggered, well clearing and fluoride out-of-compliance follow up sample analysis. All Friday or Saturday drinking water microbiology and fluoride sample submissions must be approved prior to collection by the Bureau of Public Water Supply. Any drinking water microbiology or fluoride samples received without approval will be rejected. The Bureau of Public Water Supply may be contacted at 601-576-7518.

If additional assistance is needed, please contact Phyllis Givens at 601-576-7582.

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